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In re Application of: Martin Kiesel et al.
Serial No.: 09/855,897
Date Filed: May 15, 2001
Group Art Unit: 2665
Examiner: Nguyen, Steven H. D.
Title: **METHOD FOR SYNCHRONIZING A
PLURALITY OF BUS SYSTEMS, AND
HIERARCHICAL MULTIBUS SYSTEM
CORRESPONDING THERETO**

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Jason Lee Irby

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

Amendment to Attorney Docket Number is on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Applicants respectfully request that all papers pertaining to the above-captioned patent application be directed to Customer No. 31625 and all telephone calls should be directed to Andreas Grubert at 512.322.2545.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 2-4, and 7-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants submit new Claim 12 incorporating the elements of allowable Claims 2, and former base Claim 1. Applicants submit new Claim 19 incorporating the elements of allowable Claims 3, and former base Claim 1. Applicants further submit new Claims 13-18 and 20 are dependent on the respective new independent claims 12 or 20. Applicants believe that all claims are now in condition for allowance and requests favorable action.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims as amended.

Applicants enclose a check in the amount of \$200.00 for additional claims fees. Applicants believe there are no further fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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